

Austria Takes Industries

To Help Pay Reparations
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY—Minister of Industry Antal Bai announced the Hungarian government has assumed control by decree of the country's major industries until reparations are paid.
The Paris peace conference fixed a 300 million dollar reparations bill for Hungary.
Among industries taken over under a decree issued early this year were Manfred Weiss, manufacturers of light and heavy metal products; Rimia Iron and Coal company, and the Ganz company, whose electric locomotives have been famous throughout the world.

First Watch Night Service

Held by Pioneers in 1770
In addition to the more or less hilarious secular celebrations on New Year's Eve, many religious denominations hold special "watch-night" services from nine or ten to twelve o'clock.
The custom was inaugurated by St. George's Methodist Episcopal church in Philadelphia, where the first "watch-night" service was held in 1770.

Minute Make-Ups

By GABRIELLE



Look your prettiest to greet the New Year! Pin flowers in your hair. Mistake, dipped in silver powder, makes a beautiful "frothy" hair decoration! You won't have to stand under the mistletoe—you'll be under it, just in case!

New Giant Cyclotron

May Bare Atom Secrets

Ten Times More Powerful Than Any Now in Use

BERKELEY, CALIF. — Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence, Nobel prize winner and pioneer in atom smashing, announced that University of California's new cyclotron — 10 times more powerful than any now in use — had been completed.
The 4,000-ton machine, probably will begin helping scientists discover new realms of atomic energy within two or three months, Lawrence said.
Lawrence revealed that the new cyclotron, third to be constructed at the university — would have been completed at least two years ago had not the Manhattan district taken the 184-inch magnet for secret work on the atomic bomb.
Ground was broken for construction of the massive cyclotron in August, 1940. The magnet, three times as big as the largest now in use, never was installed in the cyclotron until after the war because it was used to separate U-235 from other uranium.
The physicist said exhaustive pre-operational tests would be necessary.
Lawrence revealed also that another atom-smashing machine, the synchrotron, would be finished early in 1947.
With it, scientists hope to study the fundamental forces which hold matter together.
The cyclotron and the synchrotron have different functions in atomic research, according to Dr. Edward M. McMillan, one of the co-discoverers of plutonium, element 94, which was used in the manufacture of the atomic bomb.
McMillan, who invented the synchrotron, said the apparatus would accelerate electrons to energies of 300 million volts.
The speed with which the synchrotron accelerates electrons will convert them into cosmic rays and atom-smashing will "mount a new threshold," Lawrence said.
The new cyclotron and the synchrotron will give the United States world leadership in atom-smashing, he said.

BACK HOME AGAIN

By Ed Doherty



TAKE MY WORD FOR IT!

By FRANK COLBY
Ball Syndicate—WNU Feature

WORDS TO WATCH

The word "foyer" puzzles people. The dictionaries are so pussyfooting about the word that there is not much help in that direction.
Foyer is a French loan word. In that language, the literal meaning is, "a fireplace." The French pronunciation is: fwa-YAY (the first "a" is flat, approximately as in "rag").

In American usage, a foyer is a kind of lobby, as of a theater; an anteroom, as of an apartment.
American dictionaries list three pronunciations: (1) fwa-YAY, (2) foy-YAY, (3) FOY-er.
Note that the first uses the "ah" sound in the first syllable, instead of a flat or nearly flat French "a."

Note that the pronunciation "foy-YAY" is a hybrid, the first syllable being English, and the second being French. Note also that the natural American pronunciation, FOY-er, has only three first choice listings. Here is the consensus:
Webster's: First, fwa-YAY; second, foy-YAY; third, FOY-er.
Funk & Wagnall's: First, fwa-YAY; second, FOY-er.
New Century: First, FOY-er; second, fwa-YAY; third, fwa-YAY; fourth, FOY-er.
Macmillan's: First, fwa-YAY; second, FOY-er.
Thorndike Century: First, FOY-er; second, fwa-YAY.
Kenyon and Knott's: Only, FOY-er.

Now, then, since foyer is a French word, shouldn't we give it the French pronunciation, fwa-YAY? The answer is: Certainly not; this is why:
Santa Barbara: I could hardly believe my eyes when you stated that "speak with" is correct and equivalent to "converse with." I wish you would not make such mistakes. My little girl reads your column, and now I've got to explain to her that she must never "speak with."—Mrs. G. D. W.

Answer: Hold everything, Mrs. W. tell sister to turn to page 2413, Webster's New International Dictionary, Second Edition: "Speak with" to converse with.

Crocheted Party Cap Makes Nice Present



Sparkling party caps are good Christmas list items for the woman who crochets. This one takes only a ball of white wool and a skein of gold thread plus a few hours' work.

Subscription Rate: \$1.50 a year

Richwood

Richwood, Dec. 25.—At this writing, Christmas morning, the holiday spirit is being demonstrated throughout the Richwood area. Optimism, good fellowship and the will to do good is apparent in all the homes. We wish every one a Pleasant Yuletide and a prosperous New Year.

Richard Erne has been taken to the Lynchburg Hospital. A speedy and happy recovery for you, Dick, is our wish.
Junior Guinn and Neville Davis, of Elk Park, N. C., are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cordell.
James Flahman's young son has been stricken with pneumonia, but is reported to be improving at this writing.
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Powell and Buscom were in Lynchburg Thursday.

Thursday of last week, while shipping ice, Mr. Brannan injured his right eye. Owing to a delay in getting to a doctor it became infected and it was thought for a while that it would lose its sight. Now, with the liberal use of medicine, the doctor assures us that his sight is well.

John Moore, Sr. and son, who are enjoying the holidays with friends and relatives at their home near Sevier, Tenn., will be closed next Wednesday.

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